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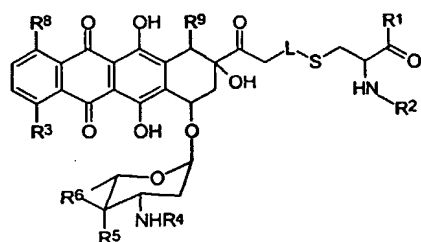
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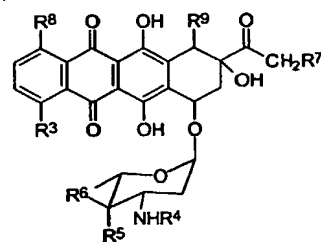
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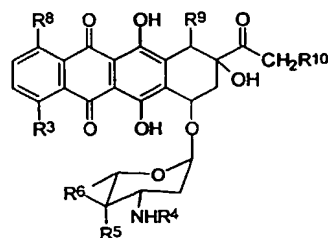
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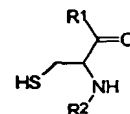
(I)



(II)



(IIa)



(III)

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a method for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and intermediates thereof, comprising the steps of: a) halogenating a compound of formula (II), resulting in compound of formula (IIa), b) reacting a compound of formula (IIa) at its 14 position with the thiol moiety of a peptide of formula (III), optionally in the presence of a suitable linker, to obtain said compound of formula (I), wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents OH, NH<sub>2</sub> or NH-peptide; R<sub>2</sub> represents H or -CO-peptide; R<sub>3</sub> represents OCH<sub>3</sub>, OH or H; R<sub>4</sub> represents H, or COCF<sub>3</sub>; R<sub>5</sub> represents OH, O-tetrahydropyranyl or H; R<sub>6</sub> represents OH or H; R<sub>7</sub> represents H, OH, OCO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> or OCOCH(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; R<sub>8</sub> represents OH or H; R<sub>9</sub> represents OH or H; R<sub>10</sub> represents a halogen and L is an optional suitable linker arm.